

Draft-Training on Adult Vaccination: What Works

Name of the Organization:

Schools / Colleges of Pharmacy and the American Pharmacists Association

What We Did and When

From the beginning of APhA's creating its immunization certificate training program we adopted the philosophy that the education program should cover vaccines across the lifespan so that pharmacists could serve as a knowledgeable immunization resource within their communities. We also recognized that engaging student pharmacists early in their careers would carry forth with them into practice, and we are seeing that occur. After a few years of building and fine tuning the training program APhA instituted a program licensing process for schools/colleges of pharmacy and other stakeholders. We recognized that in order to attain a critical mass of trained practitioners we needed to expand access to the live programming. We have a national advisory committee and team that I charged with keeping the program up to date, as well as conducting train-the-trainer programs. Faculty are provided the core program and operating procedures for delivering the program. After each program update the faculty provided updated slides and other material on the changes (usually in conjunction with ACIP changes). Faculty must deliver the core program and have some flexibility in the venue/time the material is presented. They are also provided with the national test and observation forms that students need to complete.

Outcome or Results We Got:

More than 230,000 pharmacists have been trained to administer vaccines and the APhA program is the gold-standard program for this activity. A certificate is awarded to participants who successfully complete the course and met the competency criteria.

About Our Organization:

The American Pharmacists Association, founded in 1852 as the American Pharmaceutical Association, is a 501 (c)(6) organization, representing more than 62,000 practicing pharmacists, pharmaceutical scientists, student pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and others interested in advancing the profession. APhA, dedicated to helping all pharmacists improve medication use and advance patient care, is the first-established and largest association of pharmacists in the United States. For more information, please visit www.pharmacist.com.

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